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Coastal Security Measures

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1. CHU Kwang-mu, a deputy minister of the North Korean Ministry of Internal Affairs and chief of the Security Bureau¹ of the ministry, issued Instruction No. 22 on strengthening coastal security measures to all provincial and metropolitan offices of the ministry. CHU noted that from the beginning of the year there had been continuing penetration by enemy vessels of the coastal waters off Kangwon Province and of such cities as Wonsan, Yonghung (127-14, 39-33) (CU-4879), Tongch'on-ni (127-24, 39-47) (CU-6304), Munch'on (127-17, 39-17) (CU-5249), Kosong (128-19, 38-40) (DT-4180), Yangsong-ni (128-15, 38-41) (DT-3951) and of the islands of Ch'o-do and Sok-to (125-00, 38-39) (XC-7479) and that the vessels were damaging coastal cities by bombardment and using small wooden boats and motor boats to infiltrate spies. CHU warned that the spies were disguised as North Korean army soldiers, as refugees, or as State Security Bureau agents, and that many were trying to secure liaison with "hidden bandits" in the areas.

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[redacted] CHU said that in areas under the jurisdiction of the Kangwon Provincial Office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs alone there had been 33 cases in which a total of 61 agents had been discovered and arrested.

3. CHU ordered that in preparation for the expected infiltration of enemy agents in the future, the following instructions were to be strictly followed:

- a. Self Defense Committee Guard Teams and Special Self Defense Teams should be strengthened. Police of the ministry should not only help in guarding the important coastal points in cooperation with the Self Defense Team, but should also strengthen patrol actions on main roads, side roads, and isolated houses along the coast, checking travelers on foot carefully.
- b. In close coordination with political parties and social organizations, various types of widespread intelligence nets should be established in each village along the coast. Lodgers and guests should be checked more strictly, and particular attention should be paid to carrying out Orders No. 134 and No. 135 of the supreme commander of the North Korean army.
- c. The Ministry of Internal Affairs Security Instruction No. 254, "Registration of Ships and Technicians," [redacted] should be enforced without delay, and data from the registrations should be properly used to prevent agents from using ships.
- d. In case of a bombardment from hostile vessels and a possible landing of "bandits" and spies, a police cordon should be thrown around the men or material objects ashore, and an advance guard line should be simultaneously established. When a hostile armed unit is discovered, the nearest unit of the North Korean army or its allies should be notified. Be on guard against persons who might be carrying false identification passes or other credentials and thoroughly investigate all suspects.

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4. [redacted] PANG Hak-so, then a deputy minister of Internal Affairs of the North Korean government, issued Instruction No. 92, "Prevention of Incidents Caused by Deserters and Criminals of the Chinese People's Volunteer Army," to all prefectural and city offices of the ministry, supplementing a memorandum [redacted] on the same subject. The instruction noted that despite previous orders, the offices in P'yongyang, for example, were not only unable to prevent such incidents but further committed the serious error of losing arms to some Chinese troops. [redacted] it was reported, eight Chinese Communist soldiers walked into the Kyongje-ri police box of the Central P'yongyang Internal Affairs Office and took two of three rifles that had been stacked in the office. The police, instead of following the soldiers and reporting the incident to the nearest logistics headquarters, camp, or check-point of the Chinese Volunteer Army, sent a policeman, CHU Chun-kwan, armed with a rifle, after the soldiers. When he found them, they took his rifle away from him. The result was that the chief of the Kyongje-ri police box was severely punished. The instruction concluded by saying that where small groups of Chinese troops or individuals are wandering in mountainous areas or small villages away from their units they should be watched closely and their presence reported to the nearest Chinese Volunteer Army authorities, who could themselves then take the proper action. Where incidents involving the seizure of arms from government offices or goods from civilians occur, an attempt should be made to calm the soldier concerned, meanwhile informing the appropriate Chinese Communist authorities. The instruction ordered that close liaison be kept by the police with Chinese units in their area to avoid loss of time when incidents occurred.

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1. [redacted] Comment. This Security Bureau is probably the Poan Kuk, the bureau in charge of civil police functions, which is not to be confused with the State Security Bureau mentioned below.

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